

TWO LIGHTS

Rotary Club of South Portland – Cape Elizabeth

July 15, 2020



Rotary Opens Opportunities

Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.

Upcoming Dates:

July 22 – A speaker from the Pork Bureau

OPENING WORDS

This Week –

Upcoming: Peter Bennett provided these quotations from James Baldwin:

“It is certain, in any case, that ignorance, allied with power, is the most ferocious enemy that justice can have.”

“Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.”

July 22 – Anne Swift-Kayatta

What's New With Our Members

Happy Birthday to

 *Brenda Cressey (July 24)*

 *Fran Bagdasarjian! (July 28)*

Happy Anniversary to Phil & Claudette Dube (July 22)

Thank you to our new PR chair Fran for the recent publicity about our new President and Board!

Thank you to Sari Greene for contributing Service Above Self by running for public office!

Congratulations to new member Brenda on the sale of their home in California (closing July 31) which means that her husband can join her in Maine next month!

Congratulations to Betty Egner who was finally allowed in to Piper Shores to see the home she'll be moving into mid-August!

Thank you to Matt McAleney's mom, who made a large donation to the club in Fran's name (because Fran presided at the graveside ceremony of Matt's dad and refused to accept payment).

Thank you to Nancy Irving, who although not a board member, has agreed to take minutes at Board meetings to free up our secretary Kathy to participate in the meetings.

It's Frank! – We all leaped for joy (inwardly anyway) when we logged in to Zoom and saw Frank's face! For most of us it's been nearly 2 years since we last saw him. Although "out of sight," he and Tim and the entire Butterworth family have not been out of mind, and have been in our hearts this whole time.

WELCOME BACK, FRANK!!!!

Welcome, Brenda! – Mike McGovern introduced our newest member Brenda Cressey, who is transferring to us from the Rotary Club of Paso Robles in California. However she first joined Rotary as a member of the Saco Bay Rotary Club when it was chartered. She and her husband Dick have moved back to Maine to be close to their grandchildren. She has an illustrious Rotary career, having been a District Governor, Rotary Foundation Trustee and for a brief period was the first woman to chair the Foundation Board of Trustees. She is the recipient of the RI "Service Above Self Award" and The Rotary Foundation's "Citation for Meritorious Service," and the Rotary Foundation's highest recognition, The Distinguished Service Award. (Can I just say, WOW!) However even more important than her Rotary accolades, she seems like a really nice person and we are looking forward to getting to know you, Brenda – **WELCOME** to SP-CE Rotary!!



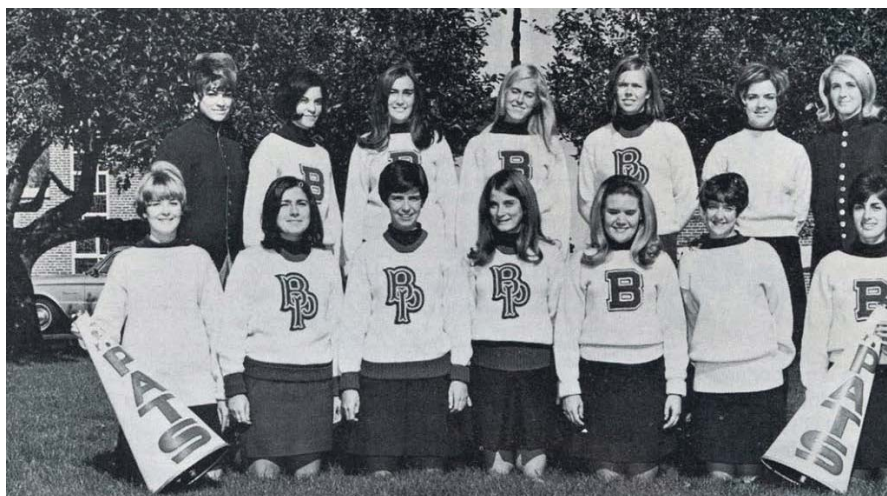
And continuing with the Welcome theme – WELCOME Back, Scott! – For all but the newest member, Scott needs no introduction. Scott is a past president of our club and was our club webmaster from the time he joined Rotary until his hiatus last year. He was also our District 7780 webmaster. His service in that role along with his help with the District Conference earned him the award of District 7780 Rotarian of the Year! President Mike noted that during his year off, we have missed his quiet leadership and humor” (which for some reason his wife Nancy disputes – the humor part, that is).



Congratulations & Thank You, Sue! - Sue was presented – virtually of course – with her PHF+3 pin, recognizing reaching the next level of cumulative giving to The Rotary Foundation. Thank you for your generosity, Sue!



And even though I’ve printed this picture in the bulletin before, it’s a classic so here it is again – Sue and her fellow Boston Patriots (now known as New England Patriots) cheerleaders!



Fundraising Update – WinterFest chair SuperDoug (his Zoom handle) said that so far WinterFest is a go, but we need to get a permit from the city which will require demonstrating that we can hold it safely. (We'll have the masking requirement covered if Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution continues to give out their scarves!) And Tree Sale chair Dave Bagdasarian (Senior!) reports that things are progressing well on preparing for the online sale.

If You're Happy – Given all the happy events noted above, happy dollars flowed freely last night. Here's the scoop on what to do with them. You have to run your own tab and keep track of how much you owe in happy dollars. Whenever you feel like settling up, you can mail a check (made out to SP-CE Rotary) to our secretary Kathy Cotter at 21 Ocean House Road, Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107.

From the Board Room – I eavesdropped on the Board meeting last night. Actually anyone is welcome to – feel free to stick around for them anytime you want. Meetings will follow our regular club meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. President Mike's goal is to distribute the agenda in advance of each meeting so you'll know if they will be discussing something you have a particular interest in. The board discussed potentially having a couple in-person meetings later this summer – stay tuned for details. The board also approved (at \$750 each) requests from the Freeport club and Portland Sunrise clubs to support global grant applications they were submitting to The Rotary Foundation. The projects are for an infectious disease unit in a hospital in Nigeria (Portland Sunrise) and to help families of orphans at the Kakamega Care Centre in Kenya become more independent.

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